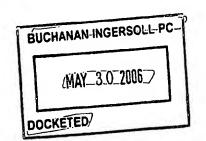


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the May 25, 2006 Office Action be re-mailed to the attorneys of record and the statutory period for replying to the May 25, 2006 Office Action be reset.

On August 21, 2006, during a routine inspection of the Patent Office PAIR system. Applicants' Representative discovered that an Office Action had been mailed in the above application on May 25, 2006. The Office Action was not received in the offices of the undersigned. A search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office Action was not received. A copy of the computerized docket record where the non-received Office Action was entered on August 21, 2006 is attached.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the non-received Office Action be re-mailed to the attorneys of record and that the statutory period for response be reset from the date on which the Office Action is re-mailed, to reinstate the time which was lost due to non-receipt of the May 25, 2006 mailing.

Respectfully submitted,

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